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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Franklin Historic District (Expansion)  
other names/site number 145-0006

**2. Location**

street & number Intersection of U.S. Routes 58 and 258 not for publication  
city or town Franklin vicinity  
state Virginia code VA county Ind. City code 620 Zip 23851

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination      request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets      does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant      nationally      statewide X locally. (      See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

McArthur Jensen  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
State or Federal agency and bureau

6/28/2004

In my opinion, the property      meets      does not meet the National Register criteria. (      See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
     See continuation sheet.  
     determined eligible for the  
National Register  
     See continuation sheet.  
     determined not eligible for the National Register  
     removed from the National Register  
     other (explain):

Signature of Keeper     

Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

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**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private  
☒ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)  
☒ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u> buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single-Dwelling</u>
<u>Funerary</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single-Dwelling</u>
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Secondary Structure</u>
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Secondary Structure</u>
<u>Social</u>	<u>Clubhouse</u>
<u>Funerary</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC: Federal

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**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

roof ASPHALT

walls WOOD: Weatherboard

other GLASS

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**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Industry: Landscape Architecture

Period of Significance 1826 - 1956

Significant Dates 1826

1887

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

☒ State Historic Preservation Office

☐ Other State agency

☐ Federal agency

☐ Local government

☐ University

☒ Other

Name of repository: Southampton County Historical Society

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 16 additional acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing

1. 18 326939 4061485

3. 18 327534 4061539

Zone Easting Northing

2. 18 327305 4061709

4. 18 327658 4061323

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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Organization: Virginia Department of Historic Resources date March 16, 2004

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Wyndie Crest, LLP

street & number 7210 Ocean Front Avenue telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Virginia Beach state VA zip code 23451

AND

name City of Franklin

street & number P.O. Box 179 telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Franklin state VA zip code 23851

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**7. Summary Description:**

The Franklin Historic District Expansion includes two properties located directly northwest of the current historic district boundary. The expansion includes the three-acre Camp Family Homestead historically associated with the Camp family since George Camp, Jr. acquired it in 1826. All of the founding members of the Camp Manufacturing Company, now part of the International Paper Corporation, grew up on this property before forming the company in 1887. The Camp family is still closely connected to the Homestead and the city of Franklin. The other property included in the expansion is the thirteen-acre Poplar Springs Cemetery, which has been the primary final resting place for citizens of Franklin since 1883, including Camp family members.

**221 Homestead Road 145-0006-0271**

*Primary Resource information: Single Dwelling, Stories: 2.00, Style: Federal, ca. 1840*

The primary dwelling was moved to this site on the Camp Family Homestead in the early 1930s to replace an earlier home, which had burned in 1931. The current dwelling originally stood in southwestern Isle of Wight County and was known as the Thomas R. Jenkins House. Following its reconstruction on the Camp property, the Jenkins House served as the Camp Dairy Farm manager's home for almost two decades. Standing two-stories, this wood-frame building has a side hall and parlor main block with a one and a half-story gable roof side addition and a rear ell addition. The main block and rear ell are clad in beaded weatherboard. The side addition has squared weatherboards. The main block is entered from a small porch protected by a pediment decorated with dentil blocks and supported by square columns. The cornice is decorated with close-set modillions on the main house. The side addition incorporates six over six double-hung sash windows on the first floor and inset gable dormers on the upper half-story. The entire building was constructed on brick piers, which have since been filled with continuous footings. The exterior retains a large amount of original material and the original floor plan has been retained. A majority of the interior, however, was replaced during the home's reconstruction in the 1930s including the floors, mantels and baseboards. The walls are all covered with wooden paneling planed by the Camp Manufacturing Corporation. It was also during the reconstruction of the home that the two additions were built. All of the founding members of the Camp Manufacturing Company now part of International Paper Corporation grew up on this property before forming the company in 1887. This group of sawmills quickly turned into a wood product manufacturing company with a planing machine and later a paper mill. The company eventually became the largest employer in the region. The Homestead property is still closely associated with the Camp Family.

*Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling*

*Secondary Resource Status: Garage*

*Secondary Resource Status: Storage Shed*

**Contributing**

**Non-Contributing**

**Non-Contributing**

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**Poplar Springs Cemetery, 145-0006-0272**

*Primary Resource Information: Cemetery*

Poplar Springs Cemetery has been the primary final resting place of the citizens of Franklin since 1883. The cemetery is a relatively flat parcel of land divided into three sections by High Street and Beamon Street. The ornamentation of the cemetery is simple consisting mainly of stone grave markers. The graves are laid out in rows with some family groupings enclosed by stone borders. The markers are commonly low and rectangular or slightly arched with the occasional taller monolithic stones marking more prominent graves, such as the Camp family. The property has several wooded sections interspersed with little formal landscaping throughout. The oldest section of burials is located to the northeast of High Street. There is a Girl Scout cabin located within the boundary of the cemetery. It is a simple wood frame, gable roof structure that was built ca. 1960. This non-contributing resource is not historically associated with the cemetery.

*Individual Resource Status: Cemetery*  
*Individual Resource Status: Clubhouse*

**Contributing**  
**Non-Contributing**

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**8. Statement of Significance**

The Franklin Historic District Expansion incorporates two properties significant to the history of the City of Franklin into the existing Historic District. These properties represent both the historic Homestead of the family whose business established the economic base of the city and the primary final resting place for this family as well as most of Franklin's other residents.

The Camp Family Homestead was the seat of the Camp family for over one hundred years. In 1887, six of the Camp family brothers living at the homestead formed the Camp Manufacturing Company. Beginning as a conglomerate of sawmills, this company quickly added a planing mill to produce flooring and had added pulp and paper mills by the end of the 1930s. The economic growth of Franklin is synonymous with the Camp Manufacturing Company, known as the Union Camp Corporation for many years after 1956. This name change in 1956 when the company merged with the Union Bag Company reflects the significance of the first business merger in the history of Camp Manufacturing. "Although its extensive paper-manufacturing operations are located just across the narrow Blackwater [River] in Isle of Wight County, Union Camp's plant dominates the eastern skyline of Franklin, where most of its labor force lives."<sup>1</sup> Now, part of the International Paper Corporation the Camp family's paper and sawmills continue to be one of the largest employers in the region. The Camp Family Homestead continues to be closely associated with the Camp family. In addition to the employment opportunities afforded to city residents because of this large corporation, the Camp family's generous philanthropy is seen in area institutions such as P.D. Camp Community College.

Poplar Springs Cemetery has been the final resting place for the citizens of Franklin since 1883. Serving as the primary cemetery for the city, many significant individuals are buried there including three of the Camp brothers and more than 62 Confederate States of America Veterans. One of these veterans was Richard C. Barrett, a telegraph operator who once owned all of the land occupied by the City of Franklin from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to South Street. Much of this property is already included in the Franklin Historic District. Other prominent citizens buried here include the first mayor of Franklin, James F. Bryant, R.A. Pretlow, who owned the first peanut business and S.W. Rawls, Sr., who was a distributor for Gulf Oil.



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Endnotes

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The proposed historic district boundary expansion would increase the district by sixteen acres to include the Camp Family Homestead at 221 Homestead Road and the Poplar Springs Cemetery. Please see the Franklin Historic District National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form continuation sheet number 36 for a verbal description of the current historic district boundary. Touching the northeastern edge of the current boundary at High Street, the proposed southern boundary line will run west from High Street along the southeastern edge of the cemetery and the Norfolk and Western Railway to the edge of and including the future cemetery expansion property just east of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints. The boundary then runs north along the rear of the church property to the southeastern corner of the Camp Family Homestead. From here it moves northwest to Homestead Road and then curves east along Homestead Road to include the Camp Family Homestead before turning southeast at the northeastern edge of the Camp property. The boundary then runs from the southeast corner of the Camp property along the rear of the properties on Homestead Road turning south to run along the rear of the properties on High Street. It then turns east to run along the southern edge of the property at 901 N. High Street and continues across High Street until coming to the City of Franklin/Southampton County line. From there the boundary moves southeast to the drive leading to the WYSP Radio Tower. It then runs southwest along this drive to the Norfolk and Western Railway. From here the boundary moves northwest along the railway to the starting point at High Street.

**Boundary Justification**

The Franklin Historic District Boundary has been expanded to include the Camp Family Homestead at 221 Homestead Road, which is still closely associated with the Camp Family whose business established an economic base for Franklin. It has also been expanded to include Poplar Springs Cemetery, which has been the primary cemetery for the City of Franklin since 1883. The cemetery sits just to the northwest of the current district and is directly between the district and the Camp Family Homestead.

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The following photographs of the Franklin Historic District Expansion in Franklin, Virginia were taken by Mary C. Taylor in March 2004. The negatives are stored at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Archives in Richmond, Virginia under negative number 21332.

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Camp Family Homestead  
145-0006-0271  
Main House  
Looking Southeast – Front façade

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Camp Family Homestead  
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Main House  
Looking Southwest

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Camp Family Homestead  
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Main House  
Looking West

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Camp Family Homestead  
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Main House  
Looking Northeast

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Camp Family Homestead  
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Main House  
Looking North

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Camp Family Homestead  
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Storage Shed  
Looking Southeast

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Camp Family Homestead

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Garage

Looking South

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Poplar Springs Cemetery

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Looking Northeast

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Poplar Springs Cemetery

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Looking Southeast

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Poplar Springs Cemetery

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Looking East

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Poplar Springs Cemetery

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Looking North

Camp Family Grouping

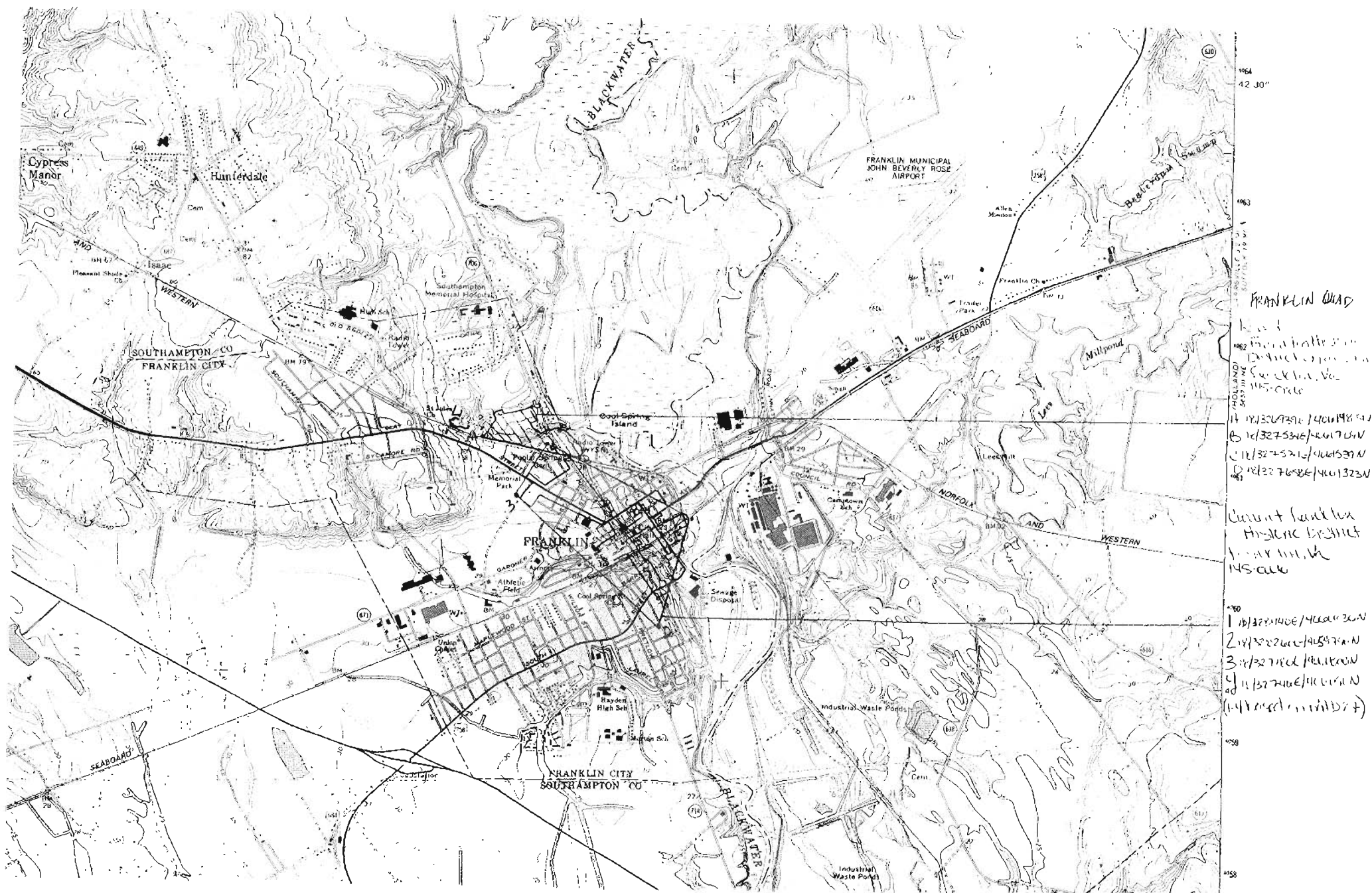
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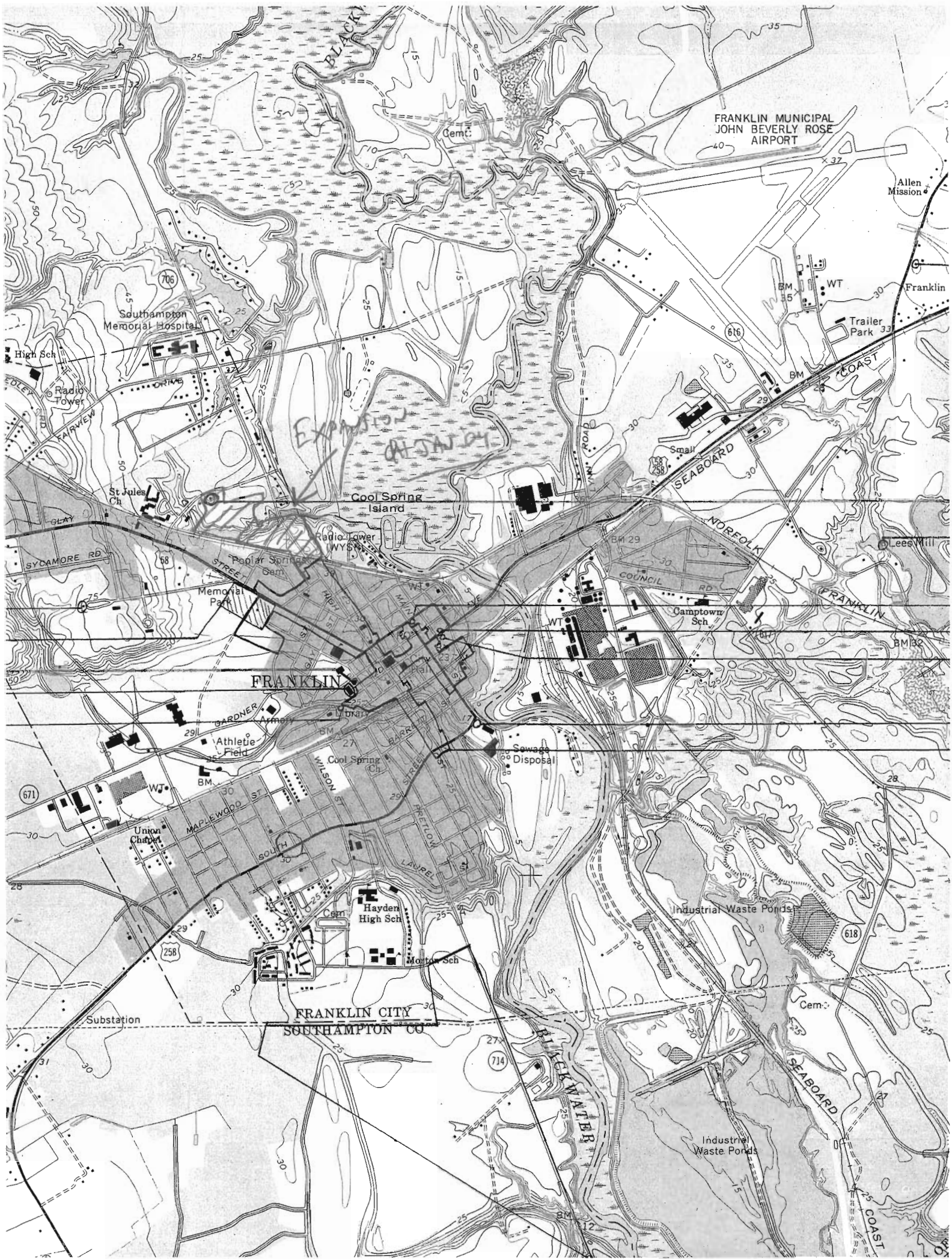
Poplar Springs Cemetery

145-0006-0272

Girl Scout Shack

Looking North









Proposed Franklin H.D.  
Expansion

Current Franklin H.D.

Contributing  
Camp Family Homestead  
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Poplar Springs Cemetery  
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